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SUBJECT: NGUYEN CO THACH VISIT TO BONN: BILATERAL TALKS

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1. BILATERAL TALKS DURING THE VISIT LAST WEEK OF SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THACH CENTERED ON THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AID FOUNDERED ON THE BERLIN CLAUSE.

2. THACH ARRIVED WITH A DRAFT TEXT WHICH CONTAINED A NUMBER OF CONCESSIONS. HE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT HE WISHED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT DURING HIS VISIT. HE WAS NOT, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO GO BEYOND THE FRANK-FALIN CLAUSE.
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(THIS IS THE 1972 COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON BERLIN DEVELOPED BY THE FRG AND THE USSR WHICH READS: IN CONFORMITY WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, THIS TREATY WILL BE EXTENDED TO BERLIN (WEST) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.) THIS FORMULATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO BONN IN AGREEMENTS OTHER THAN WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AS A COMPROMISE, THE GERMANS

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PROPOSED THAT THE SRV ACCEPT THE AUSTRIAN SOLUTION OF THE USE OF THE LAND BERLIN IN THE AGREEMENT, FOLLOWED BY THE UNILATERAL PUBLICATION OF AN INTERPRETIVE NOTE SAYING THAT THE REFERENCE APPLIES ONLY TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.THACH DEMURRED AND THE MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED.

3. FOR THE RECORD, THE FRG IS PREPARED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR DM 3 TO 5 MILLION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. THACH ALSO ASKED THE FRG TO RETURN TO DA NANG AND HUE TO RENEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOSPITALS THERE. THE SRV WOULD PREFER THIS BE DONE THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS USING MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT CHANNELS.

5.SENIOR GERMAN OFFICIALS DESCRIBED THACH AS A MAN OF BROAD DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE WITH CONSIDERABLE ALL AROUND ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUATES. HE SPOKE CONTANTLY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR WITH CHINA. MEEHAN

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